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For: FLEXIBLE MULTIPLEXER/DEMULTIPLEXER AND METHOD FOR  
TRANSPORT OF OPTICAL LINE DATA TO A WIDE/METRO AREA LINK

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION AND  
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

In response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application--Filing Date Granted"  
dated **FEBRUARY 20, 2001**, a response to which is due by **SEPTEMBER 20, 2001**, enclosed  
herewith for filing is:

- ☐ The original Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney, executed by the inventor(s). An unexecuted copy of this document, attached to the above-identified specification, was filed by Express Mail No. on .
- ☐ An Associate Power of Attorney is also enclosed.
- ☐ Basic Filing Fee of **\$65.00** is enclosed together with the **\$695.00** surcharge.
- ☐ A substitute specification in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.52.

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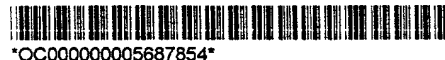
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## FORMALITIES LETTER



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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 65.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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☒ **TEN (10)** Sheets of Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.84.

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
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☐ Request for Corrected Filing Receipt.

☒ Applicant(s) has previously claimed small entity status under 37 CFR §1.27.

☐ Applicant(s) by its/their undersigned attorney, claims small entity status under 37 CFR §1.27 as:

☐ an Independent Inventor

☐ a Small Business Concern

☐ a Nonprofit Organization

☒ Request is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application of **FEBRUARY 20, 2001** to and through **SEPTEMBER 20, 2001**, comprising an extension of the shortened period of **FIVE (5)** months:

	SMALL ENTITY		NOT SMALL ENTITY	
	RATE	FEE	RATE	FEE
MISSING PARTS SURCHARGE	\$65	\$65	\$130	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME	\$55	\$	\$110	\$
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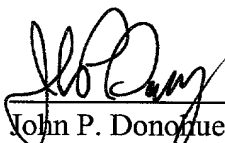
Applicant(s) has/have not been notified that the requested extension will not be permitted. The present application is not involved in an interference declared pursuant to 37 CFR 1.207.

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- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ is attached to cover the surcharge. Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3050.
- ☒ Please charge the surcharge to my Deposit Account No. 23-3050 in the amount of **\$1,110.00**.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3050. This sheet is attached in duplicate.
- ☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 including fees for presentation of extra claims.
  - ☒ Any additional patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17 and under 37 CFR 1.20(d).
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees during the pendency of this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3050. This sheet is attached in duplicate.
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  - ☐ The issue fee set in 37 CFR 1.18 at or before mailing of the Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.311(b).
  - ☒ Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 including fees for presentation of extra claims.

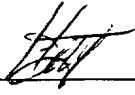
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